

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 AT TRINIDAD TOWN HALL, 409 TRINITY STREET

I. CALL TO ROLL/ROLL CALL (4:30 pm)

Committee Members Present: Rotwein, Ibis, Morehead, Kenny, Clayburn “alternate,” Brown “alternate”
Committee Members Excused: Laos, Myers
City Staff: Zetter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ibis/Rotwein/Kenny moved to approve the September 18th, 2018 minutes as amended. *The motion passed with 5 votes in favor and 1 abstention.*

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Rotwein advised that reports have been filed regarding vegetation removal on the Wagner Street Trail. Clayburn confirmed this. Additionally, it was discussed that appropriate designation and markings will be present to distinguish property lines. In regards to the Parker Creek Trail, Morehead advised that approval was gained to add trail steps with an estimate of a few weeks. He advised that the Board Treasurer for the Land Trust is taking the lead and a determination is being made to confirm if a cultural monitor needs to be present when the steps are being installed. Clayburn questioned who is co-monitoring the project. Morehead was unable to confirm. Rotwein also advised that drainage at the top of Parker Creek Trail needs to be addressed.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Kenny discussed her inspection of the Groth Lane Trail, advising that there was a lack of signage on Scenic Drive, and there was a concern about the upkeep of the gravel road by the landowners. Additionally, it was noted that a sign may have once been present at the Y section of the trail.

Rotwein discussed her inspection of Trinidad Head, but noted that she did not monitor any of the spur trails. During her observation she noted vegetation trimming, graffiti on the benches and plaques, animal feces, present signage, and that the steps near the parking lot need to be replaced. Additionally, there is a safety issue from the nails protruding from the benches. She noted that this is a high priority, as the Head gets substantial use.

Morehead discussed his monitoring of the Wager Street Trail, confirming that there is poor signage on Wagner and overgrowth. Morehead also discussed his observations of the State Park Trails within City limits, specifically the State Beach Bluff Trail – Marine Lab and Mill Creek Trail. He noted poor signage, overgrowth, and uncertainty of what is public use. He recommended the City notify the State Parks and Rotwein agreed. Kenny added, in regards to the Bluff, there are informal trails. Brown requested the most recent City’s trails map, and Morehead advised that the most current map only highlights a few.

Ibis discussed the Axel Lindgren Trail and Harbor Trail. In regards to the Axel Lindgren Trail there are missing steps, overgrowth of vegetation, and the lack of signage. At the Harbor trail, she advised that there is a lack of signage and a section of the trail is falling apart due to erosion. Additionally, this trail should notify the public to “navigate at your own risk.” Morehead questioned if it ends at the harbor and Ibis confirmed that it does.

Morehead questioned the status of the Galindo trail in order to confirm if there will be updates made. Clayburn confirmed that the Yurok want the trail closed. Rotwein confirmed that the Yurok need to provide a formal request to the City and provide reason for a closure.

Brown advised that the Rancheria is currently researching how much it will cost, and where they would get the funding, to establish property lines for the Rancheria and property owners. Brown advised that the Rancheria wants to work with property owners, so property lines are not a future issue, especially along the trails.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Trails Policy

Rotwein advised that the best approach would be to focus on recommendations and then make the determination if there is an individual or group that will collaborate with the City to compose a trails policy. It was mentioned by Kenny that HSU may have potential individuals or groups that could take on the project and that a stipend might be enticing. Morehead advised that he did not think they could compose the policy, but instead provide information gathered from their research. Morehead advised that he would reach out to the Recreation Administration Department. The Committee discussed establishing the policy and determining what resources are available, as it is pertinent that the City has an individual to handle the specifics. Morehead advised that the Committee should present a general policy to the City Council, but Kenny suggested instead that the Committee could give an outline to the Council as a start. Rotwein discussed that a brief presentation to the Council would be beneficial to bring light to what needs to be addressed with our trails. Morehead, Kenny, and Rotwein discussed that by composing an outline of recommendations and presenting to the Council would give the Committee the opportunity to address what needs to be prioritized. Ibis suggested fast tracking the recommendations. Rotwein posed the question “what is most important?” Morehead suggested that an updated trails map, signage at Parker Creek Trail Head, and Trinidad Head are important. Brown suggested a difficulty rating for the trails. Rotwein suggested the Committee find the trail heads and determine where to put the signs. Morehead confirmed that the information is in the Trinidad Trails Plan. Morehead discussed the accessibility of the documents to the public.

2. Trails Monitoring Reports:

Committee members continue to monitor assigned trails.

3. Subcommittee Signage:

Item was tabled for future meetings.

VII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

- Prioritizing trail maintenance
- Trail head signage
- Updating City trail maps
- Outlining policy recommendations

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm. Next meeting scheduled for 4:30 on NOVEMBER 20, 2018.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Susan Rotwein
Mayor